

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended, and claims 7, 9, 28-30, and 36-38 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8, 10, 16-27, and 31-35 remain.

In the Office Action mailed April 6, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, 8, and 28, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 7, 35, and 37 dependent thereon.

In response to the Examiner's request to present dependent claim(s) 7, 35, and 37 in dependent form, Applicants have rolled these dependent claims into the base independent claim (where appropriate), and included any intervening claims. In other words:

- Claim 7 is dependent from claim 1, so claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7; and claim 7 has been cancelled.
- Claim 35 is dependent from claim 3, which depends on amended claim 1 (which, in turn, includes the limitations of claim 7). Therefore, claim 35 has not been amended or cancelled.
- Claim 37 is dependent from cancelled claim 9, which depends from claim 8, so claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of

claim 9; and claims 9 and 37 have been cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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